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SUBJ: RESUMED 55TH ECOSOC--REPORT OF UN/FAO INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM--
RECOMMENDATION FOR A PLEDGING TARGET FOR 1975-76
(ITEM 8)

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HEARD REPRESENTATIVE OF WFP (ANNAN) EXPLAIN RECENT ACTION
OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WFP WHERE 1975-76 PLEDGE
TARGET OF \$440 MILLION PROPOSED FOR FAO COUNCIL AND
ECOSOC APPROVAL. HE STRESSED \$440 MILLION FIGURE A
"MINIMUM" REQUIREMENT AND URGED DONORS TO EXCEED THIS
FIGURE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. US REPRESENTATIVE MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG LINES
OF POSITION PAPER, SUPPORTING IGC TARGET AND EXPRESSING
APPRECIATION OF WORK OF WFP.

3. IN ONLY OTHER INTERVENTION, ARGENTINE EXPRESSED
SUPPORT FOR TARGET.

4. AT SUGGESTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, DRAFT RES CONTAIN-
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ED E/L.1572 ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

5. FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF DRAFT RES, USSR MADE STATEMENT SAYING IF VOTE HAD BEEN HELD THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED SINCE "USSR NOT A MEMBER OF FAO AND DOES NOT TAKE PART IN FINANCING ITS MULITALTERAL PROGRAMS". DR. ANNAN PROMPTLY ASKED FOR THE FLOOR AND POINTED TO FACT WFP IS JOINT UN/FAO PROGRAM. SINCE USSR MEMBER OF UN THEY ARE "PERFECTLY FREE TO CONTRIBUTE TO WFP". IN RESPONSE, USSR DELEGATE STATED WFP REP'S REMARKS WERE INAPPROPRIATE. BENNETT

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